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SUBJECT: FEDAYEEN TERRORISM AND ME PEACE EFFORTS

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1. WE APPRECIATE TEL AVIV'S CONCERN AND BELIEVE GOL FULLY AWARE IMPLICATIONS FURTHER FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY ACROSS BORDER THIS JUNCTURE. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH GOL NOT "LEANING ON" FEDAYEEN IN SENSE OF THREATENING CONFRONTATION, GOL HAS, AS WE HAVE REPORTED, INCREASED FREQUENCY AND NUMBER OF ARMY PATROLS IN SOUTH AND HAS ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH PLO LEADERS IN EFFORT MINIMIZE RISK CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS.

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2. WE FEAR THAT DEMARCHE TO GOL ALONG LINES SUGGESTED

REFTEL COULD POSSIBLY PROVE COUNTER-EFFECTIVE. FOR
EXAMPLE, LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS LEAKY AS A SIEVE,
AND WE HAVE HAD FREQUENT OCCASION TO FIND

ACCURATE REPORTS
OF OUR PAST DEMARCHES TO GOL PRINTED NEXT MORNING IN
PRO-FEDAYEEN DAILY AL MUHARRIR. STRIKES US THAT NEWS OF ANY
US DEMARCHE TO GOL RE NEED TO DISCOURAGE FEDAYEEN TERRORISM
WOULD BE LIKELY TO GAIN SIMILAR CURRENCY, THEREBY ENHANCING
FEDAYEEN ENTHUSIASM GENERATED BY KIRYAT SHEMONA INCIDENT AND
ENCOURAGING THEM TO MOUNT FURTHER "SPOILING" OPERATIONS.
IN SUCH CASE, EFFECT WOULD BE TOTALLY OPPOSITE TO WHAT
WE HAD INTENDED.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING OUR VIEWS SET FORTH ABOVE RE "DEMARCHE",
EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND DEPARTMENT MAY REST ASSURED THAT DURING
ALL MY CALLS ON LEADING LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND POLITICANS
PLUS ARAB DIPLOMATS (I'M ABOUT THREE QUARTERS DOWN THE
LIST) I HAVE MADE AS FORCEFULLY AS POSSIBLE MY VIEWS RE
DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF ANY FURTHER FEDAYEEN-INSPIRED
ACTIONS SUCH AS KIRYAT SHMONA. EVERY MAN I HAVE
SEEN, EXCEPT LIBYAN AMBASSADOR, HAS CONCURRED WITH MY
VIEWS BUT ALL HAVE POINTED OUT INABILITY OF ARAFAT
AND OTHER MODERATE PLO LEADERS TO CONTROL THEIR LUNATIC FRINGE.
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